

Welcome and Plans for October 17 Visit to OSTP (and OMB), Washington DC

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OSTP visit by 3 Chairs – Monday, Oct. 17, 2005

On Sunday, Oct. 17, the Current Chair, Past Chair, and Chair-Elect will visit OSTP, along with Mary Toler (Battelle).

A power point presentation is being prepared, and paper copies will be left behind. Our goal is to help two new people at OSTP to understand the significance of RHIC and to speak in its support as OMB prepares the Congressional Budget Request.

This visit was suggested by Pat Looney, who was with OSTP last April (when Gary, Vicki, and Brant visited), but is now the BNL Assistant Laboratory Director for Policy & Strategic Planning. Pat is our guest speaker today. He will explain to us how the U.S. budget process works and respond to some questions I asked concerning how the UEC and users can become more involved and interact better with OSTP and OMB.